Educate, Engage, Empower press conference at AEC will highlight school boards’ successes, preview 2023 legislative priorities

At the conclusion of the First General Session at CSBA’s Annual Education Conference and Trade Show on the morning of Dec. 1, the association will hold a press conference highlighting the resourcefulness school boards have demonstrated to help navigate schools through a challenging period. CSBA President Dr. Susan Heredia and President-elect Susan Markarian will also preview the organization’s 2023 legislative agenda and make the case for ongoing investments to support student success.
This isn’t a time to go back to business as usual. In order for local educational agencies to accelerate learning recovery and meet student needs that were exacerbated by the pandemic, the state needs to do its part. On the heels of multiple key victories in 2022, CSBA will present a legislative and policy agenda to help boards continue to strengthen schools and serve students.

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LEAs can build education workforce housing with less red tape

Research shows that one of the most cited reasons for why teachers and other school employees leave their positions is a lack of affordable housing close to the campuses where they work. This presents a significant hurdle as districts attempt to recruit and retain teachers to best support children. “Even prior to the pandemic, we saw accelerating housing costs … and so we’ve seen a lot of our educational workforce moving farther and farther away, not being able to live in the communities in which they teach, and so this is where districts are really starting to look at producing education workforce housing on their own property,” CSBA Legislative Director Chris Reefe said during a recent webinar hosted by SPUR, the San Francisco Bay Area Planning and Urban Research Association. “We’re in a situation where we’re facing fairly dire straits with our teacher shortage and staffing shortage across the state. Many school districts are pursuing this option — not as a matter of want, but a matter of need.”

The webinar highlighted Assembly Bill 2295 (Bloom, D-Santa Monica), a CSBA-sponsored bill that would remove bureaucratic hurdles and increase incentives for
districts to develop education workforce housing on vacant school property, which was signed by Gov. Gavin Newsom as part of a package of housing bills on Sept. 28. Read more on the CSBA blog »

November issue of California School News online now

In the final edition of California School News in 2022, CSBA outlines new education-related legislation for 2023 and looks back at the adoption of the Local Control Funding Formula as it approaches the 10th anniversary and considers the continued advocacy required to ensure a new generation of state leaders prioritizes its principles of equity and local control. Also in this issue is information about California Education Laws and Regulation, a legal reference book created by CSBA’s District and County Office of Education Legal Services in partnership with LexisNexis; a Q&A with nationally acclaimed educator and award-winning author Brandon P. Fleming, who will speak at AEC; an article on how California’s Yurok tribe is revitalizing language in and out of the classroom in honor of National Native American Heritage Month; an outline of the different remote participation meeting options allowed under current law; and a review of state and national assessment results. Read California School News »

Raising awareness about scholarships

As National Scholarship Month comes to a close, new survey results from Scholaroo offer some insight into why some students don’t apply. The University Index 2022 includes first-year college students’ perspective on college and financial experiences. The top reasons young students want to attend college include to maximize their earning potential, to learn, to increase their social and professional network, and to be independent, according to the survey. Among their biggest concerns are thinking they won’t be able to pay for college. Some of most popular means of paying for college are scholarships, student loans and grants, but students seem unaware of many scholarship opportunities or think they won’t win a scholarship or meet criteria. Local educational agency leaders and high school guidance offices can consider how they expand students’ knowledge and confidence around scholarship opportunities. The U.S. Department of Education has some useful information about scholarships available online.

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Jan. 27-28 | Register

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Feb. 2-May 11 | Register

**Executive Assistants Certification Program - Iota Cohort**
Feb. 10-April 21 | Register

**MIG COE Course 2: Student Learning & Achievement/Policy & Judicial Review**
Feb. 24-25 | Register

**In-person events**

**CSBA Annual Education Conference and Trade Show**
Dec. 1-3 | San Diego | Register

**County Board Governance Workshop**
March 10-11 | Sacramento | Register

**2023 Coast2Coast**
April 24-26 | Washington, D.C. | Register